

then the flawed old law will apply with continued appropriations.

So I want to particularly thank the distinguished chairman of the Appropriations Committee, the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON], for his statement this week that where authorizations do not exist there will be no appropriations.

So, for those who think that they can somehow block the clean water bill, I would urge them to think twice because that kind of activity could mean that there would be no funding for clean water.

Our bill provides over \$3 billion a year authorization. It is a strong environmental bill with overwhelming bipartisan support, and I am pleased to announce this to the House.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

(Mr. BROWDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWDER. Mr. Speaker, the American taxpayer is getting it again. There are chemical stockpiles all over the United States that have to be destroyed. The Army and FEMA have been assigned to destroy those stockpiles. Last month GAO came out with a study called Chemical Weapons Emergency Prepared Program Financial Management Weaknesses. This concluded that after 6 years the program, I think, has tripled, the cost has tripled. The communities are not ready to deal with an emergency. The Army and FEMA cannot account for how the money has been spent.

But, Mr. Speaker, I just found out that next month there is a big conference going on, and the Army and FEMA are sending a bunch of people to it. Where are they sending them? France, the Riviera. Congress and the American taxpayer deserve some answers.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY F. "TONY" TARTARO

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, sitting next to me, as people can see, is someone by the name of Anthony F. Tartaro.

Keep on going there, Tony.

Known simply as "Tony" to his many friends, Members of Congress, staff people, and a surprising number of tourists as well, he has announced his retirement as a floor reporter with the Official Reporters of Debates, effective May 1.

Boy, are we going to miss this wonderful guy. He is truly the dean of the Reporters of this House, having joined the staff of the Official Reporters of Committees in 1966, and serving there for a period of time as the Chief Reporter. Tony then transferred to the

staff of the floor reporters in the mid-1970's.

A native of Brooklyn, NY, my home State, Tony attended Boys High School there, and he later completed a course in court reporting at the Heffley & Brown School. His fine record of scholastic achievement at that school truly paved the way for his appointment as an instructor there and later to a job offer at the Columbia Reporting Company here in Washington, where he worked for another 19 years.

During World War II, Tony was in the Army, with most of his service taking place at Fort Myer, in Arlington, VA, from 1942 through 1945.

Tony's reputation as a model of old-fashioned values is well known and well deserved on the floor of this House. A true patriot, he feels pride, not embarrassment, in displaying this flag that you see on his lapel right now. And, of course, Tony loved his holidays.

Among Tony's hobbies, perhaps the most prominent has been dancing. Would you believe that? And he has been a lifelong ardent swimmer. One of Tony's other great interests has been the collecting of memorabilia and souvenirs relating to Congress and this Capitol. One of his good friends, noting the size of Tony's collection, once said, "You know, Tony must have either a museum or a warehouse out there in Falls Church, to house all that material." And I feel sorry for his wife, Helen.

A legend in friendliness and outgoing helpfulness, and certainly he has to be the best in my 16 years in this body, Tony has often taken his own time to guide visitors and tourists to their various destinations around the Capitol and to share with them his knowledge and his enthusiasm for the House of Representatives.

But if Tony should be known for one and only one thing, it must be his recognition that having a loving family is truly life's greatest reward. Tony and Helen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary—and is that not a wonderful event—on January 6, next year. And Helen is not at all shy to say how lucky she was to have married this guy sitting next to me here.

They have had two daughters, Patricia and Laura, and a set of grandtwins, Ian and Alyssa, to whom they are extremely devoted. Members of Tony's family are with us today, as we note his retirement.

Have you looked around the room here, Tony?

All of the reporters, transcribers, and clerks in HG-60, where Tony has maintained his office for the past 15 years, will feel a keen sense of emptiness when Tony does leave.

We wish Tony and Helen all the best in happiness and health in their coming years of retirement.

They expect to remain in the Washington area, as I understand it, and we look forward to Tony's visiting us as often as he possibly can, because it will

not seem right not seeing him here on this floor after all of these years.

Tony Tartaro, ladies and gentleman, is a good man. He is a dear friend. He is a great patriot. He is a true credit to this House, and we sure are going to miss you, Tony. You are a great American.

God bless you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURTON of Indiana). The gentleman's long 1 minute has expired.

And the House will miss Tony, and the Chair hopes that the transcription is correct.

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INTRODUCTION OF BALANCED BUDGET ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1995

(Mr. VISCLOSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, now is the time to get serious about balancing the budget. Today I am joined by my colleagues, Representatives CHARLIE STENHOLM, CALVIN DOOLEY, and TOM BARRETT, in introducing legislation that would put in place tough new measures to balance the budget by the year 2002. This bill, the Balanced Budget Enforcement Act of 1995, would force us to make the tough decisions required to balance the budget. It would do so by setting spending caps and using across-the-board cuts if the caps are not met.

There are no exceptions. Everything is on the table and, unlike Gramm-Rudman, it has teeth.

I would say to my colleagues who really want to balance the budget, here is your chance to move beyond the rhetoric. For those of my colleagues who do not want to balance the budget, do not cosponsor this bill because under this legislation, that is exactly what would happen.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to put our money where our mouth is. Let us start balancing the budget now.

WINNERS AND LOSERS

(Mr. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, now that the 100 days are over, and the politics, rhetoric from the Contract With America have been fulfilled, maybe now we can get back to work as Americans and not as Republicans or Democrats.

The Republicans have had their shot and now I hope the American people listen to what Democrats and the President have to offer in the days ahead as alternatives. It is critical that we have alternatives and not be viewed as obstructionists.

Mr. Speaker, who are some of the winners in the first 100 days? Lobbyists, Exxon, people who make over

\$200,000, Rupert Murdoch, big business. At times the contract did not seem like a revolution, but an auction.

Who are some of the losers? Kids, students, minorities, women, environmentalists, and the middle class.

Mr. Speaker, I will give this to the Republicans: They deserve credit for their tenacity and discipline. The question is, are they ready to govern in a bipartisan basis or is the 100 days Contract With America simply going to be politics as usual?

LOSERS IN THE REPUBLICAN CONTRACT

(Mr. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, the first 100 days has made clear what the Republicans are up to. The contract on America gives new meaning to the words "women and children first." Programs that benefit working Americans are being cut, not for deficit reduction, but for rewards and tax reductions to special interests. Who lost? Women, children, students, working middle-class families and the elderly. Spending for school lunches, nutrition programs like WIC, senior housing, and even Medicare have been slashed. Summer jobs programs for disadvantaged youth, low income heating, housing assistance for over 5 million low-income and elderly families have been terminated.

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Cuts in the program have taken place for more than 100,000 police on our city's streets. New school loans, programs for students are being targeted and being cut. Even Social Security is at risk.

Half the tax cuts benefit Americans with incomes over \$100,000. That is the richest 12 percent of Americans. In fact, the top 1 percent of the wealthy people get more benefits than 65 million families at the bottom.

Repeal of corporate minimum tax provisions will result in many of our largest and most profitable corporations paying no taxes.

The contract effectively repeals major provisions of environmental law meant to preserve human health and the quality of our air, water, soil, and, indeed, our life.

Republicans pushed term limits because they know it could not pass rather than addressing the real problem by reforming our broken campaign finance system.

WHO WON, WHO LOST—A SUMMARY

The story of who and who lost in the first 100 days of the Republican Congress is clear.

Who won: Billionaires, corporate interests, and wealthy Americans who can hire lobbyists to protect and promote their interests in the GOP Congress. They clearly won, as the GOP Congress sought to: Provide special access for GOP lobbyists; provide tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans; wipe out the corporate minimum tax; ignore Democratic ef-

forts to reform lobbying and gift rules and campaign financing; transferred \$1.1 billion that was feeding women, infants and children into a windfall profit for big drug companies; and, let lobbyists undo Federal protection for food, health, and safety.

Who has paid for this unprecedented array of special breaks and privileges is equally clear.

Who lost: America's working families and their children, and our senior citizens. They clearly lost, as the GOP Congress sought to: Cut school lunches and nutritional standards for meals served in schools; slash national college scholarships and increase the cost of student loans for almost five million families; cut the 100,000 cops program to put more police in neighborhoods; cut aid for needed school reform; decimate job training and eliminate more than one million summer youth jobs; cut funds for Big Bird and Sesame Street as well as other educational TV programming; weaken Federal protection for our drinking water, food, and automobiles; make huge cuts in Medicare; abandon America's promise to our senior citizens by opposing Democratic efforts to protect Social Security from budget balancing plans; and, eliminate home heating assistance for senior citizens and working * * *.

A CONTRACT ON MICHIGAN

Winners: Billionaires, Washington lobbyists and well-heeled special interests got huge tax breaks and unprecedented access and influence in the GPO's first 100 days.

Who Paid For It: Working families, children and seniors in Michigan.

1. Michigan Loses Education and Job Opportunities.

151,594 Michigan students will pay more for student loans.

620 of Michigan's kids won't participate in national service and earn college tuition.

458,200 Michigan residents will not benefit from an increase in the minimum wage.

527 entire Michigan schools districts will lose money to make schools safe and drug free.

3,800 Michigan special needs students will lose the extra help they need to learn and succeed.

42,900 Michigan kids will lose summer jobs.

2. Michigan Loses: Feeding and Housing Our Children and Senior Citizens.

743,665 Michigan children are in danger of losing their school lunches.

188,089 mothers will lose some or all of the help they receive to provide nutritious food and milk to their infants and children.

9,930 Michigan children are at risk of losing access to safe, affordable child care.

377,883 Michigan senior citizens, families and kids will lose heating assistance they depend on to get through the winter.

32,852 Michigan families who could have counted on an FHA loan to buy their first homes are in danger of losing their only access to an affordable loan.

3. Michigan Loses: Safer Streets.

387 fewer cops will walk Michigan's streets as a result of the Republican Contract.

561 new cops are keeping Michigan communities safer because of Democratic initiatives in 1994.

CONTRACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(Mr. VENTO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, with the new Republican majority, Americans had hoped for the best. Now we know, after 3 months, to expect the worst in terms of Republican partisanship, serv-

ing special interests, not the American people and family.

As citizens all across America prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, the silver anniversary, tarnished and corrosive effect is taking place on the environment. I am deeply troubled, and Americans are, that in our Nation's Capital the 104th Republican Congress is working furiously to destroy almost all that has been accomplished in the last three or four decades.

This Contract on America has turned into a contract on America's landscapes, on our parks, on our wildernesses, on America's air, contract on America's drinking water, on America's rivers and natural and historic resources and this contract will take a terrible toll.

This environmental assault is an insult to the American people. But the American citizens can do something about it the next 3 weeks. You can make our policymakers see the light or feel the heat. They need to be forcefully reminded that environmental policies and laws are not brutally attacked, were not forged through partisan warfare. They were not the work of Democrats or Republicans alone; rather, they are uniquely derived from years of deliberation, of listening and responding to core conservation values.

That is right, let us have some conservation in those that claim to be conservatives in this Congress.

Those environmental laws and policies have been derived from the ethic of the American people. These policies are based on the wisdom of Americans who by experience, education, and ethics understand that there are some areas of this vast Nation that should not be despoiled.

Let us take back the environment. Let us make these individuals that are advancing these policies see the light or feel the heat.

THE NEXT 2,000 DAYS IN CONGRESS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, as I watched the celebration that was misdirected on the Capitol steps this morning, Republicans celebrating what was 100 days of gimmickry, I wondered whether or not we really needed to listen to those who were not able to come to the U.S. Capitol, for as we look at some of the headlines saying "Senate Battle Lines Forming Over Possible Tax Cuts," when we see the headlines "GOP Gets Mixed Review From Public Wary on Taxes," and when we find out that "Despite Change on Hill, Public Still Remains Critical," then we must ask the question, did we come here to follow political polls or to be statesmen and stateswomen.

Thomas Jefferson did not have a poll, but he tried to do what was right, and